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SUBJ: VIEWS OF LEADING FRENCHMEN ON RELATIONS WITH US

1. SUMMARY. MAY 7 LUNCHEON WITH JACQUES RUEFF, FRANCOIS SEYDOUX, AND OTHER LEADING FRENCH FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERS PROVIDED OCCASION FOR LIVELY DISCUSSION OF CURRENT PROBLEMS FACING ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. RUEFF PREDICTABLY TOOK POSITION THAT WEST MUST SOLVE MONETARY PROBLEMS BEFORE TURNING TO OTHER ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. IN RESPONSE TO DR. KISSINGER'S CALL FOR A "NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER," SEYDOUX ECHOED THINKING OF MANY FRENCHMEN IN UNDERSCORING NECESSITY OF KEEPING ALLIANCE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS "STRICTLY SEPARATE" FROM DEFENSE MATTERS AND IN EXPRESSING UNEASINESS OVER US INITIATIVES TOWARD USSR AND CHINA -- POSSIBLY OVER HEADS OF WEST EUROPEANS. HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR CONVERSATION FOLLOW.
END SUMMARY.

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2. PRESTIGIOUS FOREIGN AFFAIRS MONTHLY LA REVUE DES DEUX MONDES ORGANIZED LUNCHEON MAY 7, WHICH PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON US- FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS WITH MONETARY EXPERT JACQUES RUEFF, QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL GEOFFROY DE COURCEL, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO FRG FRANCOIS SEYDOUX, EX- GOF SPOKESMAN AND NOW ECONOMICS MINISTRY SEC STATE JEAN- PHILLIPE LECAT, LE MONDE DIRECTOR JACQUES FAUVET, RADIO TELE- LUXEMBOURG COMMENTATOR BERNARD LEFORT, FRENCH ACADEMY RESEARCHER JEAN GEITTON, AND LE REVUE DIRECTORS JEAN JEUDEL AND MME. FLANDIN- ROBIDA.

3. M. RUEFF LAUNCHED LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON PRIORITY ATTENTION HE THOUGHT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD STRENGTHENING AND REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. HE ARGUED THAT ONLY AFTER IMF MEMBER STATES ESTABLISH RELIABLE MONETARY SYSTEM CAN WEST MOVE FORWARD EFFECTIVELY TO OTHER ECONOMIC ISSUES, PARTICULARLY TRADE PROBLEMS -- LIKE THOSE ANTICIPATED IN "NIXON ROUND" OF TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS. RUEFF THOUGHT MANY AMERICANS SHRED HIS VIEWS.

4. IN RESPONSE, I GENERALLY AGREED THAT MONETARY PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND HOPED PRESIDENTS NIXON AND POMPIDOU COULD MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD THEIR SOLUTION AT REYKJAVIC SUMMIT, BUT EMPHASIZED WE ALSO WISHED TO PROCEED WITH TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. I NOTED RESPECT WITH WHICH RUEFF IS HELD BY AMERICAN MONETARY EXPERTS, BUT QUESTIONED WHETHER MAY US AUTHORITIES WOULD AGREE WITH HIS HEAVY RELIANCE ON GOLD. I COULD UNDERSTAND FRENCH AND OTHER EUROPEANS' CONCERN OVER UNCERTAINTIES IN EVOLVING US- EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONS. I SENSED A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS EMOTIONALISM OVER THESE MATTERS IN FRANCE, HOWEVER, WHICH I HOPED THOSE PRESENT AT LUNCHEON WOULD HELP OVERCOME. IT CLEARLY IN INTEREST OF ALL TO ENSURE THAT MUTUAL PROBLEMS BE APPROACHED DISPASSIONATELY AND PRAGMATICALLY. I SAID I HAD HEARD MANY CRITICISMS OF US PROPOSALS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FRENCH SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT THEY THOUGHT UNITED STATES' POLICIES SHOULD BE.

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